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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/019102, of which the above-captioned application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of PCT Forms PCT/ISA/210 and PCT/IPEA/408 (in Japanese) were filed concurrently with the filing of the above-captioned application, and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-223360 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-029788 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-222467 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 3-054649 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-084879 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-069417 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note this document is only cited on Form PCT/IPEA/408.

The relevance of the documents cited above, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in Forms PCT/ISA/210 and PCT/IPEA/408.

Applicants further submit the following documents.

- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-200221 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 997 821 A1. Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

- (8) U.S. Patent Publication No.10/571,531 to TANAKA et al., which was filed on March 10, 2006;
- (9) U.S. Patent Publication No.10/577,133 to OKABAYASHI et al., which was filed on April 10, 2006;
- (10) U.S. Patent Publication No.10/578,314 to TANAKA et al., which was filed on May 4, 2006; and
- (11) U.S. Patent Publication No.10/578,299 to OKABAYASHI et al., which was filed on May 4, 2006.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Also, when the above-noted pending applications are published, the Examiner is respectfully requested to list their publication numbers on a PTO 1449 Form (or PTO 892 Form) to confirm consideration thereof.


Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) in English is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants

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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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